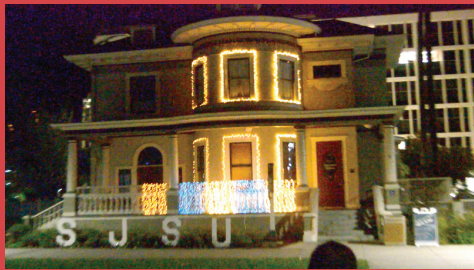




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GUN BUYBACK

Firearms returned

By BENJAMIN SIEPAK
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The San Jose Police Department partnered with the Santa Clara County District Attorney Office in a gun buyback event that gathered over 600 unwanted weapons.

This was the third gun buyback event that they've held at the SJPD and garnered the most weapons of the three.

"It was a record turnout today, last I checked there was close to 700 firearms turned in," said Albert Morales, Information Officer of SJPD. "The first gun buyback we had a couple years back, we had approximately 460 turned in and the last gun buyback, which was last year, we netted 220 approximately."

People who brought in handguns or rifles were given the choice of receiving a \$100 gift card to Target or \$100 cash. Anyone who turned in an assault rifle was given a \$200 gift card or cash.

According to Deputy District Attorney Johnnie Gogo, the turnout by far exceeded expectations.

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SPORTS

SJSU men's lacrosse team wins alumni match-up

By ITZEL CASTRO
STAFF WRITER

San Jose State University's men's lacrosse team hosted its first annual alumni game on Saturday at CEFCU Stadium.

The match-up brought out former and current players from the SJSU men's lacrosse team that faced off to play and fundraise.

SJSU men's lacrosse team president Jason De Muro said he enjoyed seeing all of the familiar faces who, at one point, played for the team.

"We want to honor the guys that played before us," De Muro said. "As a team we are given the alumni an opportunity to come out and see

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POINTS OF PRIDE

SJSU Orchestra hosts listening hour for students

By TAYLOR JONES
STAFF WRITER

San Jose State students were given a free concert from the music department Thursday. Points of Pride: The Listening Hour was an event for students to listen to the symphony orchestra practice for their fall concert. The free performance included a solo by acclaimed marimba player and SJSU student John Gilchrist and opera singer Joci-Patrice Houston.

"This event is an open rehearsal and we wanted to feature the two concert concerto winners and showcase their work," said Fred Cohen, the director of the School of Music and Dance. "We want people to recognize the work that these students are doing because what they are accomplishing is amazing."

Houston and Gilchrist gave students an opportunity to hear their specific pieces.

Gilchrist, a music education senior, played his marimba piece. He wanted to show students the beauty that is the marimba and show them that no instrument is too weird for an orchestra.

"I've been taking marimba seriously since my freshman year of college, but I dabbled with it in high school as well," Gilchrist said. "The marimba is a very physical instrument. You really dance

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CONSTRUCTION

As building crumbles, noise level ascends

By LUKE JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The 1960-established Hoover Hall dormitory — better known as one of "The Bricks" — was demolished last week, making way for a \$130 million project to be completed in December of 2018.

This space is for the future Student Recreation and Aquatics Center (SRAC), which will consist of three basketball courts and two swimming pools among several other facilities. It will be a two-story, approximately 123,000-square-foot building.

Standard construction hours on campus run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. Facilities Development and Operations (FD&O) Senior Project Manager Kristina Lee said accommodations have been made for the best interest of campus life.

"There are exceptions that are made on occasion when changing that schedule or working outside of that schedule would benefit the campus," Lee said. "So there have been times when we're doing really loud work next to, let's say, a classroom building, and we will authorize the contractor to start at like 5 a.m. before classes are in session in attempts to mitigate some of the noise and disruption."

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Deconstruction of San Jose State University's "Bricks" dormitories began last week, causing noise to be heard all over campus.

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COFFEE HOTSPOT

Starbucks tops list with most customers per day at SJSU

By Luke Johnson
Staff Writer

With approximately 1,250 customers per day in November — from Monday through Thursday — Starbucks is the most popular dining service at San Jose State University, according to the school’s Administration and Finance Division.

“Starbucks is popular anywhere it is. That’s why you have a Starbucks across the street from a Starbucks,” said Director of Dining Services Ryan Ptucha. “I also think one of the draws to the Starbucks space on campus in particular is the space itself. It’s a large lounge, so it gives students somewhere where they can sit with friends and relax.”

Starbucks narrowly succeeded Panda Express, which averaged 1,125 customers per day during that same time frame. In comparison, Waffle Coop received the least amount

of traffic with only 125 customers per day.

“In general, I think people are attracted to name branding,” Ptucha said. “That’s why the areas that are the busiest are the franchises that we operate.”

One large corporation that did not fit this pattern in November was Jamba Juice, which collected about 300 consumers a day, Monday-Thursday. Members from the Administration and Finance Division explained that this is due to the cold and wet weather.

Opposed to Starbucks, which serves a variety of hot and cold drinks, Jamba Juice almost entirely serves cold or frozen blends and beverages. The Administration and Finance Division employees added that it earns the most during the beginning of the fall semester and at end of the spring semester.

“I go to Jamba because it’s a healthier alternative compared to Taco Bell

or pizza, but it is more enjoyable during summer,” said business administration junior Ryan Sanders.

Another dining service that inherits seasonal spikes in consumers is In the Mix, a salad shop in the Student Union. Following New Year’s Day, after several people have made their New Year’s resolution to commit to a healthier lifestyle, In the Mix receives about a 50 percent increase in clientele.

This lasts until March before its customer rate goes back to normal. It is the second least popular dining service at SJSU, with approximately 200 buyers per day, according to the statistics provided.

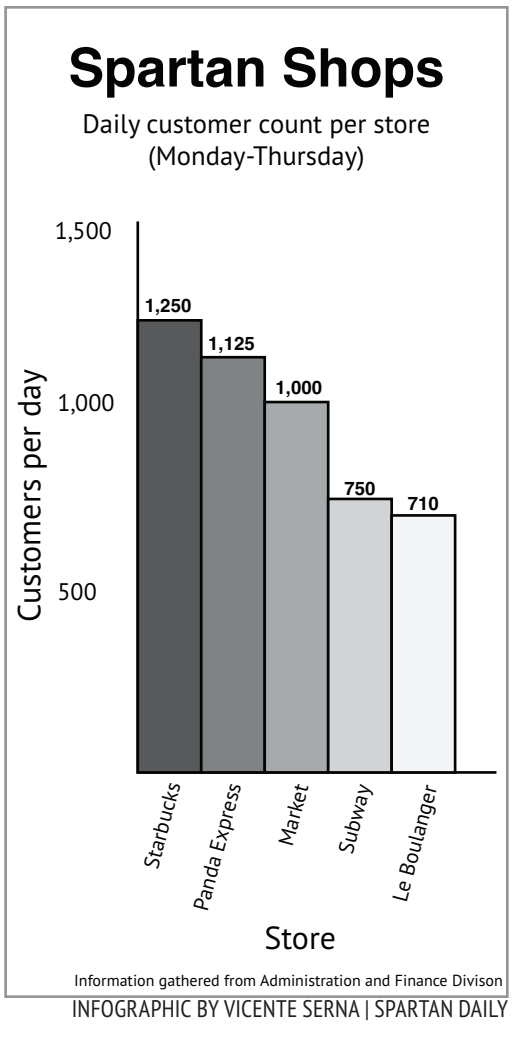
The line at Panda Express can sometimes expand to beyond 40 people. However, Spartan Shops has established a solution for people searching for more efficient service.

“I think people are willing to wait for what they

want,” Ptucha said. “We’ve introduced a mobile ordering app called Tapingo. It’s actually helped with some of that. Tapingo allows people to order from the app on their phone then we are able to notify them when their food is ready.”

The rankings for customers per day for the rest of the dining services in the Student Union are as followed: Market (1,000), Subway (750), Le Boulanger (710), Taco Bell (500), Bricks Pizza (450) and Mojo Burger (420).

“I like to go to Panda Express or Subway because those are the big name brands and I visit them pretty frequently, so I already know what I want or what to expect,” said Alejandro Oropeza, an undeclared freshman. “I think some people just don’t like trying out new things.”



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when you play it and you hear every aspect of what you are doing.”

Gilchrist was praised by the conductor and director of the music school Fred Cohen for his marimba piece. Cohen told the crowd that Gilchrist has received acclaim for his marimba playing from the school.

Cohen also made it a point to praise Houston, a graduate student at San Jose State. Houston was acknowledged for her singing skills and performed three classical pieces by Austrian composer Gustav Mahler. The song cycle is from Ruckert Lieder, who sang while Mahler conducted the orchestra. Houston noted that the first two songs she sang were about feeling emotions, while the last song was all about a certain scent.

“I am singing three of the five Ruckert Lieder that were written in the early 20th century,” said Houston. “They are the height of the romantic movement. I feel very lucky to perform these beautiful pieces, especially with an amazing orchestra.”

The listening hour gave students not just a free mini-concert, but also a time to reflect on what music sounded like in the early



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John Gilchrist (left), music education senior was praised by Fred Cohen (right), conductor and director of the music school for the marimba piece that he played at Points of Pride: The Listening Hour.

20th century. Cohen noted at the beginning that the concert was to also show that hard work and dedication to the art of music pays off nicely.

“The concert is a very important thing to these students and the music itself is so beautiful and uplifting,” said Cohen. “It is

an enjoyable event for everyone.”

The performance held on Thursday was the School of Music’s fourth show in their concert series. The next performance is set to be in March 2017.

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WEAPONS

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“Up until today, each event since 2013 started to decline in terms of the number of firearms that were collected,” Gogo said.

The idea behind the event is to give people an opportunity to anonymously get rid of unwanted firearms.

“A large majority of the people that come through are legitimate community members who have firearms that they have no use for,” said Edward Shroder, Southern Division Captain of SJPD and event coordinator. “We are not really concerned with them per se using the weapons, the biggest concern is that if their house were to get burglarized and the guns getting in the wrong hands and being used against the community or against police officers.”

The event comes in a year that has had 45 homicides in San Jose, according to The Mercury News, which has risen from a total of 30 homicides last year.

Officer Shroder says the event’s successful turnout was a result of emerging technology and effective marketing through social media and community outreach. It was the first time they used many social media marketing avenues to promote the event.

Participants in the gun

buyback event were asked to arrive with their guns in the trunk of their car or in the bed of their truck, and that they were unloaded. SJPD also requested that ammunition was not turned in, but they did not deny taking in any that was brought.

If people were unsure whether or not their gun was loaded, they were asked not to manipulate it as they were removed from the vehicles by experts in handling firearms.

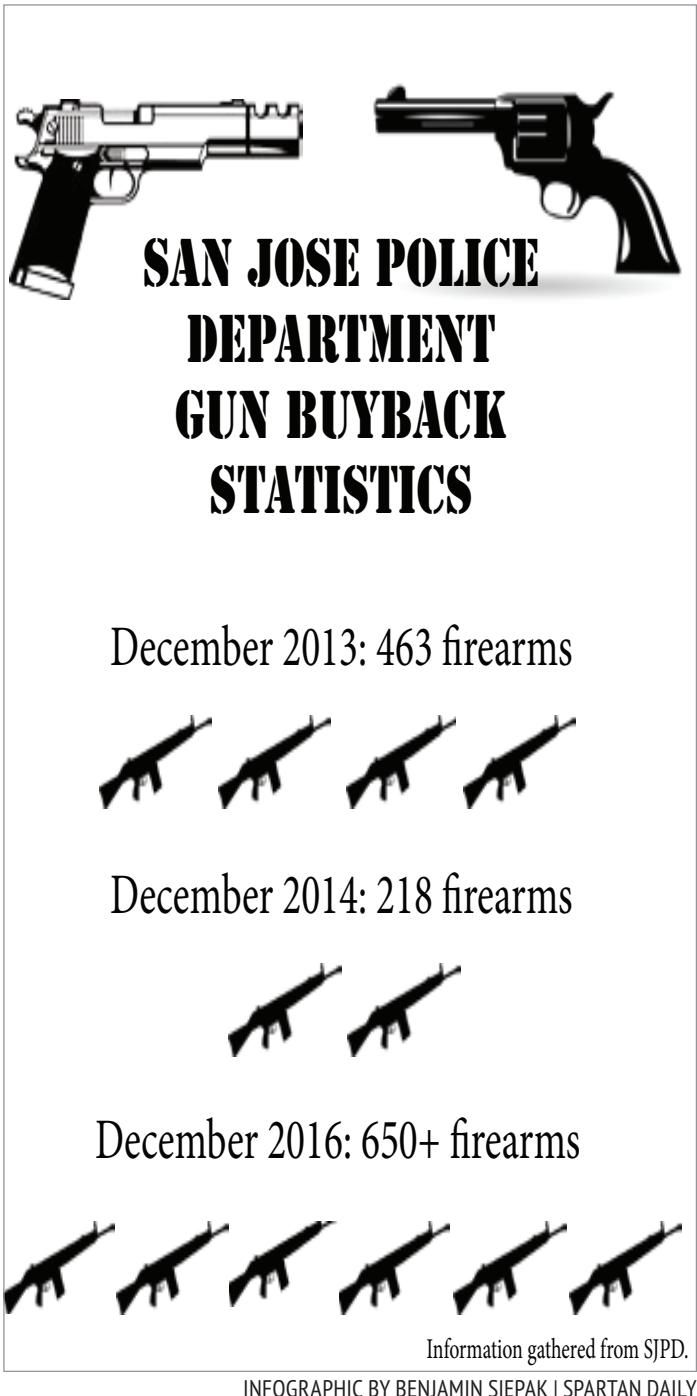
The protocol was in place to ensure safety for everyone as nobody was injured during the event.

“With those guns, we’ll look to determine whether or not the guns were stolen and if they were, we’ll make every effort to try and get those guns back to their rightful owners,” Morales said. “But ultimately, any guns left over will be scheduled for destruction at some point later on next year.”

The event was sponsored by a number of partners including District Attorney Jeff Rosen, Assemblyman Ash Kalra, Assemblyman Mark Stone, First 5 Santa Clara County and The Health Trust.

There is no set date for their next gun buyback event, but they are expecting to have another one next year.

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Lee added that there have been some complaints regarding to noise, most coming from people in residence halls, which is why construction usually starts after 8 a.m.

“There are standards utilized by the university on noise levels,” Lee said. “Generally those are at about 85 decibels heard from the street. We have worked with a contractor to try to schedule all their very loud activities, so concrete breaking, jack hammering [and] things that are exceptionally loud and cause exceptional vibration...”

Three students who reside in Washburn Hall, adjacent to the construction site, were asked if they experienced any inconvenience. They unanimously said they have minimal complaints, and that the noise level has woke them up “maybe once.”

“I personally have no complaints, but I’ve heard complaints from other people,” said business analytics freshman Jarin Howard. “[They said] it’s too loud. Just basically about the noise, really.”

“I personally have no complaints, but I’ve heard complaints from other people”

Jarin Howard
Business analytics freshman

According to FD&O, the work being done in front of the Event Center — causing there to be fences and detoured walkways — is scheduled to be complete at the end of this month.

Meanwhile the construction between the alleyway of Sweeney Hall and the 7th Street Garage is expected to be finished near the beginning of the spring semester.

Workers are planning to break ground on a waterline going down San Salvador Street later this month. This means a construction site will be located on the north side of the road, according to FD&O.

Lee said the contractor has scheduled a large portion of the loudest work to take place during winter recess while the campus is less populated.

“There have been some complaints from residents, and from faculty as well,” Lee said. “We try to do what we can to mitigate the noise [for] the most impactful parts of our activities by either shifting the work schedules to be earlier, or in some cases we’ve worked on Saturdays instead of during the week.”

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South First Fridays presents the Bay Bells ensemble

By ITZEL CASTRO
STAFF WRITER

The Bay Bells ensemble brought the art of handbell ringing to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library to kickoff the holiday season Friday.

South First Fridays is a collective that brings arts and culture to downtown San Jose’s SoFA district every first Friday of the month. This past Friday it featured the Bay Bells.

The ensemble was established by Cheryl Baker in 1986. The group was formed in the Bay Area, according to the Bay Bell’s website.

For 30 years, the Bay Bells have been ringing rock, country and classical music internationally.

During to the holiday season, however, the ensemble performs various holiday classics for the San Jose community.

Music Director of the Bay Bells and SJSU music graduate student Kendra Scott said she was delighted to bring the joy of ringing to different people.

“We are super thrilled to be here,” Scott said. “It’s always great to meet a new audience that we haven’t been exposed to before.”

On Friday, the Bay Bells ensemble performed ‘Jingle Bells,’ ‘Santa Claus Is Comin’ to Town’ and ‘I’ll Be Home For Christmas,’ among other holiday classics for the first time in the MLK Library lobby.

Attendees also had the opportunity to observe Christmas photography that was provided by the SJSU Special Collections & Archives located on the fifth floor of the library.

MLK Librarian Teresa Slobuski said the Library was collaborating with South First Fridays to bring a holiday experience to those attending the event.

“This South First Fridays has a very seasonal aspect,” Slobuski said. “The Christmas inspired photography and the ringing of the Bay Bells ensemble

really puts those attending in the holiday spirit.”

Many people attended the Christmas inspired event, including SJSU students.

Freshman marine biology student Emily Haydis found out about the event through the Bay Bell’s website and decided to invite her grandmother, who is a big handbell ringing fan.

“I think it’s nice to hear the handbell choir. They do a very good job,” Haydis said. “My grandma has been a fan for many years.”

San Jose native Rossalynn Haydis, grandmother of Emily Haydis, enjoyed every minute of the two-hour performance. She said her favorite song that the Bay Bells performed was ‘Jingle Bells.’

“I thoroughly enjoyed every single song, especially Jingle Bells,” Haydis said. “They are an excellent group. I have known them for several years since I am from the first congregational church and we have a large handbell choir and many of our members play with this one when they can.”

The Bay Bells ensemble offers lessons for people that are interested in learning the art of handbell ringing all year long.

The lessons take place at the SJSU music building and are instructed by Scott. She said she hopes to attract more students to learn from the Bay Bells ensemble.

“We offer workshops for people that are interested in learning how to ring,” Scott said. “You don’t have to be a music major we are looking for people that are willing to learn this beautiful art.”

The Bay Bells mission is to continue to spread the love of handbells with the community year around.



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The Bay Bells ensemble performing at the First Fridays Event inside the Martin Luther King Jr. Library on Friday.



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Carol Flint, member of the Bay Bells ensemble getting ready to perform at the First Fridays Event inside the Martin Luther King Jr. Library on Friday.

ALBUM REVIEW

Gambino is a mastermind

By BENJAMIN SIEPAK
STAFF WRITER

Whether it’s writing, singing, acting or innovating, Donald Glover knows how to use his talents to find success in any field he endeavors.

On Friday Glover, also known as hip-hop artist Childish Gambino, released his third studio album, which exuberates his creativity through melody, funk beats and gospel singing.

His album, titled “Awaken, My Love!,” is far different from any album or mixtape he’s ever released. Given the fact that Glover is constantly jumping from project to project and medium to medium, it shouldn’t surprise listeners that this album is unrecognizable.

It appears that Glover has drifted as far away as possible from today’s typical “rappers” and has birthed a genre of his own.

The first track of his 11-track album, “Me and your Mama,” flaunts his talent in a 6 minute long song that takes you through a journey of serenity and chaos. It establishes a tone that is articulated throughout the entire album as it grabs you by the ears. It’s a song you can get lost in.

The beginning sounds like gospel music in a church that builds up to an electric guitar rift that splits the mood into a state of aggression. Gambino’s voice-changing vocals vary in pitch; one second it’s calm and soothing and the next it has your heart jumping out of your chest.

“So this isn’t just puppy love,” he sings before belting out a tumultuous scream.

In his fourth track, “Zombies,” Glover sings over a funky electric guitar strumming a serenading sound. Glover’s voice, which changes in sound throughout the album, displays an exhausted, confused tone.

The groovy melody is similar to “Baby Boy,” the ninth track on the album with raw, soul-piercing vocals, which sound like his sixth track, “Redbone.”

The only two songs that I felt Glover misfired on are “Riot” and

“California,” because of the frantic sounds that can make a listener uncomfortable. “Riot” is a suitable name for a song that feels like the instrumentation is clashing in chaos. In “California,” he uses an accent that makes it hard to distinguish some of his lyrics.

These tracks were not among Glover’s best work on the album, but they still weren’t horrible.

The album ends with, “Stand Tall,” a solemn track that really testifies Glover’s ability to sing. Its wavy harmony concludes an emotional journey in a similar fashion to how it began.

His use of saxophones, harmonicas and comprehensive instrumentation is brilliant.

Glover, who has stayed relevant in the news through his hit show “Atlanta,” might have just given us the album of the year. Although it’s a hip-hop album, it’s anything but a rap album.

Throughout the album, Glover commonly sings of love, parenthood and race. The passion and power he put into this work of art is inevitable. He rattles with your emotions through riffs of soft, elegant tones and dark, chaotic sounds.

The funk and soul creativity deserves the recognition that Kendrick Lamar received after releasing the hit album “To Pimp a Butterfly.”

“Awaken, My Love!” is as creative as it gets when it comes to hip-hop music. Listening to this album is more like listening to a soundtrack by the way it grabs you through intensity and emotion.

They say it’s good to save the best for last, and it appears that 2016 did just that with the new Childish Gambino album.



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Corgis arrive on campus to relax stressed students



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In hopes of reducing stress as students prepare for their finals, members of the South Bay Corgi Group brought their corgis to San Jose State University on Saturday at 5 p.m. to allow students to take a break from their studies. Senior kinesiology major Jake Arnstein, senior nutritional science major Krystina Ragasa (**Top Right**) and junior business administration Alan Gouig (**Bottom Left**) pet, play and hold the many corgis that visited SJSU.

By **ITZEL CASTRO**
STAFF WRITER

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Dozens of furry corgis participated in the second annual ‘Corgi Flashmob!’ to de-stress San Jose State University students as they start cramming for finals week.

Members of the South Bay Corgi Group in collaboration with SJSU’s Active Minds Chapter hosted this outdoor gathering.

The event encouraged students to forget about their busy schedule and share some corgi love in front of the John Carlos and Tommie Smith statues on Saturday.

Students were petting, carrying and taking pictures with these furry pets throughout the two-hour event.

SJSU’s Active Minds Chapter President

Sadaf Skandari said their organization is trying to promote positive mental health with pet therapy.

“The interaction with pets is a really good way in which students can de-stress, laugh and just take a break from preparing for finals,” Skandari said. “Our club is all about mental health awareness and pet therapy is just one way that we can promote positive mental health.”

More than 30,000 SJSU students are one week from taking their final exams that in many cases can determine if they pass or fail the semester.

According to a recent study conducted by the Anxiety and Depression Association of America (ADAA), students’ stress levels frequently increase during finals weeks, which can cause variations in eating habits, muscle aches, pain and sleeplessness.

Pet owner Kelly Lee said she was glad she could bring a smile to students

during these stressful times.

“It’s fun to have all the corgis get together,” Lee said. “Plus I am happy that all these students are here playing with these wonderful puppies so they can refresh their minds before they take those finals.”

Many students heard about the event on Facebook and decided to check it out since for many students, it does not hurt to pet a corgi before finals.

“It’s my first time being here in this event,” said Atharv Datye, a senior mechanical engineering student. “I am glad to see everyone here having a good time before finals.”

Other students didn’t know about the event, but decided to check it out when they were passing by the John Carlos and Tommie Smith statues and saw dozens of corgis running around.

“With the stress of school weighing me down I wasn’t feeling a hundred percent,” said Kara Benz, a freshman

business student. “But after finding these adorable corgis I feel a lot lighter and better about myself.”

Professionals have claimed that exercise, hanging out with friends, listening to music and prayer/meditation are all methods that students can utilize in order to destress.

Freshman aerospace engineering Francisco Ibarra tried other methods to contain his stress and anxiety before taking his finals, but he said nothing worked until he came to spend some time with the corgis.

“This is a good stress reliever,” Ibarra said. “It’s a brilliant idea and I am excited to be here.”

SJSU’s Active Minds Chapter plans to have another pet therapy event in the library in two weeks that will continue to focus on positive mental health.

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Beer around the world is poured downtown

By **BENJAMIN SIEPAK**
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San Jose State University’s hospitality management students hosted a night of beer tasting and entertainment at SJSU’s sixth World Beer Trade Show.

The event, which was held at The Glasshouse in downtown San Jose, showcased several booths, each representing a particular region or country through decor, costumes, food and beer. The bi-annual event was led by hospitality management professor, Kathleen Sullivan.

Sullivan pairs her students from her beer appreciation course with students from her meetings and conventions course to combine their efforts to put on the trade show.

“Meeting and planning class is made up just of hospitality majors and they are responsible for organizing the trade show while the beer appreciation students put the booths together,” Sullivan said.

To pick what locations the students would represent, regions and countries were picked out of a hat. After receiving their region, they had to match it up with costumes, food and educational materials at their booth about what festivals are in that region and the economic impact beer has on that region.



SJSU’s beer appreciation students served a coffee dip paired with beer from the Ireland booth at the World Beer Trade Show.

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“It’s an educational trade show as well as a fun trade show,” Sullivan said.

Sullivan explained that both classes are beneficial. The meeting and conventions class gives hands-on experience with event planning and everything from food and beverage management, registration and marketing.

The beer appreciation class, which is made up of students from all different types of majors, benefits students by teaching them about beer revenue as well as customs and courtesies about beer.

The event included dance performances by the Pride of the Pacific Islands dancers and the Martin Luther King Jr. Library Hip Hop dancers.

The beer trade show is a private event limited to faculty, staff, administration and guests.

It is also a fundraiser, as each show raises money for a different charity.

“Paws and Stripes is the charity that we are donating to this year,” said Monique Quevedo, media coordinator. “With this charity, it works with both abandoned

dogs and military vets, pairing them together to give the dogs a home and help vets with PTSD and transitioning back to life after serving.”

Toward the end of the night, awards were announced for booths in a number of different categories including taste, decor and creativity.

“Awards include some overnight stays at different hotels,” said Michelle Shields, media coordinator.

The judges were from Gordon Biersch and Hermitage Brewery, both of which contributed in sponsoring the event. Gordon Biersch donated all the glasses that were used to taste the beer.

Among the most creative booths was Ireland, who had a popular tasting of beer paired with a coffee dip.

“It’s a very dessert-like flavor, a lot of people like it and are coming back for seconds,” said Nick Falgiano, industrial design junior. “It’s basically made up of cocoa powder, cream cheese, cinnamon and espresso.”

The beer at each booth was paid for by the students’ tuition fees.

“I’m the only professor on campus that can go on a beer run with tuition money,” Sullivan said.

The next World Beer Trade Show will take place in the spring of 2017.

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Proud to be a citizen of a messy and scary America



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After the presidential election results came in I wanted to flee. I wanted to flee the country so badly. I wanted to move to Canada, Australia, Iceland or any alternate universe where Donald Trump would not be my president. When I really thought through all my options, it got real. Despite the fear in my soul for what is to come, I wouldn't want to leave this country, especially in its time of need. The United States has a lot wrong with it, from the shooting and killing of unarmed black citizens to the excessive taxing of the middle and lower classes. Sometimes I find myself, just

like many others, ashamed of the country I was born and raised in. I've dreamt of a life in Canada – somewhere I believe is a great and peaceful country – since I was in middle school. It is easy to point out everything wrong in the U.S., but all the good that this country brings us often goes unrecognized. Freedom of speech, our First Amendment right, is one of the most overlooked of all. In a study done by the Newseum Institute in 2015, about 33 percent of Americans had no idea what rights the First Amendment protects. This right is what differentiates the U.S. from North Korea. Here I can openly say I hate Donald Trump, while in North Korea I could be taken away and probably killed for making a negative statement about our leader. Our government seems to have never been trusted, but the simple fact is that our government does more than those in other countries. We could be in a terrorist-stricken country such as Iraq or Nigeria,

where the majority of all terrorist-caused deaths in the world occur according to World Atlas. We could also be in a gang-engulfed country like El Salvador or Guatemala – both with cities listed in the 25 most dangerous places to live in the world according to the World Atlas. We should be grateful to be able to walk through our neighborhoods without fearing for our lives. I lived in Guatemala for nearly a month this summer and saw firsthand the troubles citizens face when my host mother told me to not stay out late and to stick to the main roads. The living conditions and societal issues engulfing these places both hurts and makes me grateful for my life in the United States. You can say the U.S. has its fair share of violence, there is no neglecting that. But according to a crime study done by the FBI, violent crimes have gone down 16.5 percent since 2006. With a racist, homophobic and evil

bigot coming to take over the White House, I fear that the America I call my home may change. Trump had promised some extreme notions during his campaign, but now as president-elect he has casually backed down on some issues. This brings hope that this tyrant of a leader will not ruin this country as much as we all may have thought. As a Mexican-American in the United States, I fear for my family with Trump's statements on immigration. Though his stance has lightened from his campaign-days, it is still an extreme position that threatens my loved ones. His take on Obamacare has changed and he no longer plans to get rid of the current healthcare system. He has stated that climate change might possibly be man-made and that waterboarding might not be the best solution as a means for intelligence-gathering. He has backed down on his stance on same-sex marriage. "You have these cases that have

already gone to the Supreme Court," Trump said during a '60 Minutes' interview. "They've been settled, and I'm fine with that." It is clear that Trump does not represent what America wanted during the election. Clinton won the popular vote with a difference of over 2 million voters according to The New York Times. Just like the 60 million people that voted for Clinton, I too was slapped in the face by a messy system that doomed this country with a Trump presidency. Regardless of having an imbecile for a president in 2017, I have hope that we can overcome the treachery. I am proud to be an American, but I am not proud of America for letting this happen. In this time America may feel like the twilight zone, but despite my confusion and horror I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous Solutions

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Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS
- 1 Activity center, to an airline

4 Rambo rescues

8 Opposite of blessing

13 Asian sash

14 Rough-surfaced file

15 Not as hard to accomplish

16 It may be involved in a calligrapher's hanging?

19 Male moguls

20 Cold cut emporium

21 Hectic parts of hospitals, briefly

22 Bar item

23 The zoo is full of them

25 Big butte

27 Month known for rain

31 Electrify or stun

34 M, on a form

36 Water channel

37 Provide a slight hint, to a calligrapher?

40 Bounces out of an apartment

41 Cameron of films

42 Pantry creature

43 Major Indian city

44 Two-person lift

46 Eight musical intervals, collectively

50 Educate

54 Email address ending, for some

57 Rating that brings a smile
- DOWN
- 1 What drivers hit on purpose

2 Dangerous WWII sub

3 Baggins in "The Hobbit"

4 In a way fraught with trouble

5 Big and clumsy ones

6 Denver-to-Telluride dir.

7 Member of a suit you play with

8 Features of proper nouns

9 Place celebrating red, white and blue

10 Ready to get picked

11 Prophet

12 Bungles

15 Letter-shaped extensions

17 Rise ominously

18 Rural pasture
- 23 Island of southern Indonesia

24 Made cotton or cotton candy

26 ___ serif (font option)

28 Largest Latvian city

29 Desktop symbol

30 It's just not right

31 Accumulated years

32 Take as a bride

33 Wickedness

35 Conclusion

36 Hunk of concrete

38 Lingering sound effect

39 Good toy for March

45 Catch one's breath and then some

47 Voluminous type of bag

48 "___ objections?"

49 What make suits three-pieces

51 Itsy-bitsy smashable things

52 Meaner than mean

53 How angry people contest things?

54 Available to receive customers

55 Nevada hotspot

56 Eat like a rat

58 A Polynesian island, if doubled

60 Organization for lawyers

61 Partner for "skip" and "jump"

Jokin' Around

What do you call a bear with no teeth?

Answer: A gummy bear

Why did the skeleton go to the party alone?

Answer: He had no body to go with him!

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OPINION

Green Party leader has the right to ask for recount

Jill Stein should not be criticized for looking into voting in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania



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Those who oppose Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein’s recount efforts are a threat to the democracy of America. Stein has the right to challenge election results in three critical swing states where election integrity experts reported anomalies during the election process. The University of Michigan Center for Computer Security and Society believes it has found persuasive evidence that voting

results in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania may have been manipulated or hacked, according to New York Magazine. Stein has been leading the way to raise almost \$10 million to fund efforts to recount votes in these three states after the Hillary Clinton campaign chose not to directly engage in the process. As reported by The Independent, at first the Clinton campaign said the recount was a waste of resources, but it later stated that they will support Jill Stein’s efforts as a matter of transparency and to make sure voter interest is protected. Despite some initial criticism, Stein has been able to raise more than \$6 million in thirteen days which enabled her to follow through with part of her goal. Stein has been able to file

a recount in Michigan after paying \$975,000 to that state. In Michigan, Stein said that in more than 70,000 ballots the choice for president was a central point of concern. She argues that voters weren’t required to pick a presidential candidate. In Wisconsin, Stein has paid \$3.5 million to lead the recount efforts. Reports have surfaced that she sued the state because the agency declined to require county officials to recount the votes by hand, according to the Milwaukee Wisconsin Journal Sentinel. Stein will take the Pennsylvania recount to the federal courts since her case was dropped in the state courts after the campaign paid the \$500,000 to start the recounts. The recount efforts by Stein are nothing new. She led a recount effort in some states when Barack

Obama was elected to assure national standards, performance, transparency and accountability in the states that were involved. Stein has been a longtime advocate for improving our election system. Her efforts are not intended to help Clinton. Instead the recounts are part of an election integrity movement to attempt to shine a light on the untrustworthiness of the U.S. election system, according to her campaign website. President-elect Donald Trump has criticized the Green Party candidate on social media where he tweeted: “Just a Stein scam to raise money.” Our newly elected president should refrain from targeting Stein’s recount efforts since he tweeted: “Serious voter fraud in Virginia, New Hampshire and California.”

Trump is the definition of a contradiction because he categories Stein’s recount efforts as a “scam,” but when it’s convenient for him he denounces fraud in three states he lost in the presidential election. If Trump really cares about this country, he would take Stein’s fraud allegations seriously because this is a delicate matter that can affect the democracy of the country. We all need to support Stein’s recount efforts even if we don’t support Clinton or Trump because we can’t let electoral fraud affect other elections in the future. People need to stop criticizing Stein because in the end she is just exercising her right to challenge election results.

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Trump’s family is in the spotlight in the worst way



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It’s no secret that a lot Americans detest the thought of Donald Trump as their president and cannot stand the fact that he is transitioning into the White House as we speak. Some people hate him so much, they are hating on his whole family, including his wife and numerous children. It is being a bit hypocritical to hate on someone’s entire family for what that family member believes in and then to preach anti-hate in the same breath. I understand hating on Trump as

much as the next person, but for people to go out of their way to send hate messages and threats to the rest of his family can be seen as excessive. It seems to be counter-productive to the beliefs of the people who hate Trump and all he stands for. Many people are even going as far as to boycott Ivanka Trump and her clothing line. According to The Wrap, an entertainment news website, over 21 major retailers are selling Ivanka’s clothing, including Amazon, Nordstrom, Macy’s and Bloomingdale’s. However, over tens of thousands of customers are boycotting, using the hashtag #grabyourwallet on Twitter to show solidarity against these stores until they stop selling Ivanka’s merchandise. Back at the end of October, #grabyourwallet was started on Twitter by two women, Sue Atencio

and Shannon Coulter, according to The Wrap. Apparently the last straw for them was the infamous video of Trump saying “grab them by the p***y” that was released in late October. “Ivanka markets what she wears on the campaign trail,” Coulter told TheWrap. “The stores that we love are directly profiting from a campaign that we consider hateful.” Since when do we hold the children of those hateful figures accountable for their parents? The Trump campaign does not even benefit from Ivanka’s line of clothing and the proceeds of said line does not go to Trump himself. You have to wonder if people are boycotting her clothes just for the sake of boycotting at this point. While it is true that Melania did not finish her college degree and that she started modeling at a very young age, I do not see why that would make her receive all the hate

that she does. Yes, she did mess up with basically copying Michelle Obama’s convention speech from 2008 and she does seem to have close to no personality. “It is being a bit hypocritical to hate on someone’s entire family for what that family member believes in and then to preach anti-hate in the same breath.” However, I do not see why she receives any more hate than the average college student that cheats on their exam or project. The only person of Trump’s family who should be receiving

hate is the so aptly named Donald Trump Jr. He told WBT, a Charlotte, North Carolina radio station, that his father wanting to grope women back in 2005, “makes him human” and said of the women who came forward to accuse Trump senior of sexually harassing them that “he had never heard anything dumber in [his] life,” according to Politico. On the right hand, people, we see a baby sociopath following his fully-grown sociopath father’s footsteps in their natural habitat. You can protest and hate and boycott anything that has to do with the president-elect, but maybe people should cool it when it comes to his family. Unless they were all there with him late at night when he was tweeting his stupid for the internet to see, they should get a get out of jail free card.

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Airing Forever 21’s dirty laundry



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There’s a common saying that goes, “you get what you pay for.” This saying is always in the back of my mind whenever I walk through Forever 21’s doors, one of the most trendy retail franchises in the U.S. The store may be popular, but it’s also one of the most chaotic, untidy and unprofessional chains in the country. Not being able to keep their merchandise presentable for customers is the least of the retailer’s’ problems. According to the New York Post, billionaire owners of Forever 21 Don and

Jin Sook Chang have had trouble managing their finances and making timely payments. This is very unprofessional and shouldn’t happen considering the amount of profit the owners receive from their growing business. According to the New York Post, Gary Wassner, chief executive of Hilldun (a New York lender in the retail industry), pulled their credit lines for Forever 21 in recent months. Albeit Forever 21 has a variety of cheap accessories, clothes and shoes for both men and women, the quality of the commodity is not up to par. “There isn’t anything I dislike about their products other than they don’t last long in my closet because they get worn out,” said business administration junior, Mariana De La Torre. According to College Fashion, Forever 21 is one of the top 10 best stores for fashion. The reasoning behind this has to do with the fact that most Forever 21 shoppers are broke college students who want shop on a budget. De La Torre worked at Forever 21 in Westfield Valley Fair mall for only three

days last month before she quit. She accepted a new position at Macy’s in Westfield Valley Fair Mall as a substitute. “I don’t work for Forever 21 anymore because I found a better paying job with better benefits and a more flexible schedule,” De La Torre said. Jayde Griffith, political science senior, worked at Forever 21 in Ontario, California between July 2011 and June 2014. Griffith started as a sales associate, was eventually trained as a cashier and later became a manager at her location. “There were many cons [about] working here,” Griffith said. “To begin, the hours were long! Generally 8-12 hours a day ... would be full of cleaning the store and dealing with rude and angry customers.” From my own experience working as a brand ambassador/retail associate at Banana Republic in Westfield Valley Fair Mall, I learned that being a retail worker is one of the most testing jobs you will ever have. Retail workers are constantly on their feet, helping unfriendly customers and sacrificing their health bending over to pick up merchandise off of the ground and to organize and clean the store at the end of

the night, which can be a nightmare. I recall one of my managers at Banana Republic saying to me that the quality of life as retail employee is not the same as those who work in other industries. Like many retail jobs, most sales associates are not allowed to take time off to be with their families during the holiday season. “The holiday season was terrible,” said Griffith. “The store would end up a mess and often we would have to stay over our scheduled time to make sure it was in shape for the next day; this also meant we couldn’t get days off during this time nor could we be late or call out.” I am a Forever 21 shopper myself; that’s my go-to store whenever my friends want to go to the club or a last-minute event and I need a cute, economical dress or outfit. However, I always sympathize with Forever 21 employees whenever I go into the store. The store is always trashed. It’s so frustrating being a shopper because absolutely nothing is ever organized.

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SPARTANS 55, BRONCOS 44

Defense stifles

Spartans achieve feat untouched in the last 17 years

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In a matchup between schools separated by just eight miles, San Jose State University beat the neighboring Santa Clara University 55-44 in a low-scoring showdown Saturday night. The win extended the Spartans (4-3) win streak to three in a row. SJSU's defense again propelled the team to the victory. It is the first time since 1999 that a Spartans' team held an opponent to under 50 points in back-to-back games. SCU's chances of winning diminished in the second half due to a 12-minute field goal drought while the Spartan defense also held Broncos' (3-6) leading scorer, senior guard Jared Brownridge (20.6 ppg), to just 11 points on the night. "You gotta compete on every possession, I don't care if it's on offense or defense. If you have that mentality good things are going to happen to you," said Spartans' coach Dave Wojcik. In the first half, forwards Brandon Clarke and Brandon Mitchell both picked up two early fouls, which had effect on an already size-deprived SJSU front court rotation. Wojcik called upon redshirt freshman center Ashtin Chastain who hadn't seen much game time prior to Saturday, however provided valuable

defensive minutes and hitting two free throws against the Broncos. "He's a skilled big kid. He's going to be a really good player for us. He's really skilled and I'm glad to see him having some success," Wojcik said. The Spartans had been averaging nine turnovers a game, but they surpassed that number with 10 first-half turnovers against rival SCU. Nevertheless, SJSU took a two-point lead into the locker room courtesy of a last-second tip-in by Isaiah Nichols making the score 28-26. "It got us the lead going into the second half which is big for the guys; give us some momentum going into the second half," Nichols said. The Spartans offense began to find its groove in the second half, while the Broncos couldn't find the bottom of the net. "I just told the guys at half time, keep chopping wood, they can't score with us, make conditioning a factor," Wojcik said. SJSU scored seven straight, including an explosive alley-oop by Clarke, that forced SCU's coach Herb Sendek to call a timeout. After the timeout, the Broncos still didn't score until over six and a half minutes into the half on a free throw and by then SJSU had pushed its lead to 42-27.

The huge run to open up the second half broke the game open for the Spartans, and the Broncos never recovered. The Broncos had three field goals the entire second half. "We created a lead and put them on their heels a little bit and we didn't give it up so it's a good night for us," Wojcik said. SJSU maintained its double-digit lead over the course of the second half as it chewed the clock while also getting some key offensive rebounds. We had a bit of a lead and so getting to reset the whole shot, that clock takes a whole minute off the clock, so that was really big for us to drain the clock and get the win" said sophomore forward Ryan Welage. Nichols, as well as Welage each had 12 points leading the way for the Spartans. The loss marks four straight for the Broncos as they will try to get back in to the win column next Saturday at home against CSU East Bay. As for the Spartans, the win over the Broncos is the first since 2009 and the first win against SCU in the Event Center. They will look to extend their win streak to four games against the University of Montana. The game will be played Wednesday in Missoula before returning to SJSU this weekend.

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TOP LEFT: Spartans celebrate after Brandon Clarke throws down a lob on Saturday.

TOP RIGHT: Senior guard Isaac Thornton goes up for the dunk in the first half on Saturday.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Senior guard Isaac Thornton drives down the court after stealing the ball in the first half on Saturday.

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MIDDLE RIGHT: Freshman guard Isaiah Nichols looks to pass the ball to sophomore Ryan Welage as he cuts to the basket on Saturday.

BOTTOM LEFT: Junior forward Brandon Mitchell celebrates after the final buzzer sounds on Saturday.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Head coach Dave Wojcik instructs his team in the game against Santa Clara on Saturday.



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A member of the SJSU Lacrosse Club team surveys the field while defended by several opponents of the alumni team during the first ever alumni match which featured current and former members on Saturday.

LACROSSE

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what their legacy is at the school in terms of lacrosse.”

The SJSU men’s lacrosse team was established in 1987. It is a club sport that competes in the Western Collegiate Lacrosse League (WCLL). This league consists of eight Division I teams and eight Division II teams, representing California and Nevada.

Last spring, the team coached by Larry Boehm ended the season with an 8-5 record overall.

Assistant Coach James Rowney said he was happy that the team had enough graduating players who came to play in

the alumni game.

“It’s a fantastic game,” Rowney said. “We finally have enough alumni from SJSU to do an alumni game... it takes several years and a good program to be able to do this.”

One of the alumni who came back to play with the team was Rowney’s own son, Travis Rowney an attackman who graduated last spring with a bachelor degree in communication studies.

“I was part of the club for three years,” the younger Rowney said. “It was really great for me to be part of this team because it really helped me get through college.”

More than 20 players participated in the alumni game on Saturday afternoon.

The four-quarter game played inside CEFCU Stadium was, for the most part,

an even match with the alumni team scoring mostly in the first quarter and second quarter and the club team scoring the majority of its goals in the third and fourth quarters.

After the first two quarters, the current club team kicked it into gear and made a quick comeback to take the 9-7 win in the end.

The lead scorer from the SJSU men’s lacrosse team was George Pertessis. From the alumni team Cody Gradone and Travis Rowney led the pack.

Gradone, an alumni attackman, said he is happy to play lacrosse against his former teammates.

“This year we have a lot of alumni out,” Gradone said. “It’s fun to see everyone out here playing the sport that we all love.”

All the money gathered from the alumni game will be used to fund the SJSU men’s lacrosse team expenses for the upcoming spring season.

The SJSU men’s lacrosse team is student funded, student governed and they hope that the alumni game would provide some income to help support the lacrosse team.

“Our team falls under the student club umbrella so we depend on fundraising to stay afloat,” De Muro said. “I am grateful that so many alumni came out here today to give back to the team.”

Saturday’s exhibition was the first look at this year’s lacrosse team.

The season will continue through the spring semester.

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